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PUBLIC NOTICE

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant: The Nature Conservancy
3294 N Highway 41
Morocco, IN 47963

2. Agent:

3. Project location: SW ¼, Sec 17, SE1/4, Sec 8, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, Enos Quad.
Southwest quadrant of the intersection CR 400N and CR400W in Newton County.

4. Affected waterbody: Unnamed Tributaries of Lawler Ditch

5. Project Description: The placement of fill material in 3600 feet of agricultural ditch. The project will fill approximately 2.5 acres of ditch bottom. The purpose of the project is to convert a 700 acre parcel from row crop agriculture to prairie and wetland. The project is a joint effort of the Nature Conservancy and the US Dept. of Agricultural.

Comment period: Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing: Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions? Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Marty Maupin, Project Manager, at 317-233-2471. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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100 North Senate Avenue
MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251
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O = Ditch to be filled.

One Mile

One Mile

Kankakee Sands Prairie Restoration
The Nature Conservancy/ NRCS
Newton Co. T30N R09W
Section 17&18

County Road 400N

N

Crops

Ditch

Ditch

Ditch

W

County Drain

Trees and
Brush

Fallow field

Ditch

County Drain

S

County Road 300N

Proposed culvert/control structure

Ditches to be filled are drawn in as
red and yellow lines

Existing Plug

Project
Boundary

Riner-Houseworth Ditch